

What is claimed is:

1. An Internet access system, comprising;
a wireless local area network having a wireless access point located in a building and connected to the Internet;
- 5 a rental station located within the building and connected to the wireless local area network,
the rental station including a network access script generator for generating a network access script, and a network access database, and a data input unit,
- 10 the network access script generator operatively connected to the network access database and the data input unit; and
- a wireless station adapter synchronizable to communicate with the access point after having been
- 15 installed and configured in a communication device,
wherein the network access script from the network access script generator operates to automatically install the wireless station adapter in the communication device and to configure the wireless station adapter for
- 20 synchronization with the access point.
2. The system of claim 1, wherein the wireless local area network is an Ethernet network, the station adapter is a wireless PCMCIA network card, the communication device is a personal computer, and the network access script
- 5 generator writes the network access script file on a computer-readable medium.
3. The system of claim 2, wherein the system comprises plural station adapters, each station adapter individually addressable from the rental station via the access point.
4. The system of claim 1, wherein the script file reads operating system registry keys to identify existing

protocol stack components of the communication device and
determine registry keys necessary for binding TCP/IP to the
5 station adapter.

5. The system of claim 4, wherein the station
adapter is configured free from interaction with any
operating system wizard and any operating system reboot.

6. The system of claim 3, wherein the access
script file configures the station adapter with a first
Extended Service Set ID matching with an access point
Extended Service Set ID associated with the access point.

7. The system of claim 6, wherein the rental
station further comprises a module for assigning the access
point with the access point Extended Service Set ID.

8. The system of claim 6, wherein the rental
station comprises a module for updating the network access
database with the first Extended Service Set ID and
information identifying the wireless PCMCIA network card.

9. The system of claim 6, wherein the access
script file comprises a time module to alter the first
Extended Service Set ID as a function of elapsed time.

10. The system of claim 6, wherein the access
script file comprises a Extended Service Set ID change
module for changing the first Extended Service Set ID as a
function of a calendar date.

11. The system of claim 2, wherein the access
script file includes an encryption key for matching with an
access point encryption key associated with the access
point.

12. The system of claim 6, wherein the access
point Extended Service Set ID can be changed by wireless
communication with the wireless PCMCIA network card via the

access point.

13. The system of claim 2, wherein the system further comprises wireless access points outside the building, the wireless local area network further comprises plural wireless access points within the building, and the
5 access script file provides the wireless PCMCIA network card with plural Extended Service Set IDs matching with plural access point Extended Service Set IDs associated with plural wireless access points.

14. An Internet access-configurable portable computing device, comprising:

a portable computing device including a wireless network adapter; and
5 a portable computer-readable medium containing a wireless network access script, the access script including a code for automatically synchronizing the wireless network adapter with a wireless network access point.

15. The computing device of claim 14, wherein the access script comprises a time module to alter the code as a function of elapsed time.

16. The computing device of claim 14, wherein the computer-readable medium is a CD-ROM and the code is an encryption code.

17. An Internet access system, comprising;
a wireless local area network having plural wireless access points distributed throughout a facility,
a Internet connecting device connecting the
5 wireless local area network to the Internet;
a rental station located within the facility and connected to the wireless local area network; and
a wireless station adapter synchronizable with the access points upon installation and configuration in a
10 portable computer;

the rental station including a network access script generator for generating a network access script with modules for automatically installing and configuring the station adapter for synchronization with the access points.

18. The system of claim 17, wherein the rental station is configured to assign Extended Service Set IDs to the wireless station adapter matching selected ones of the plural wireless access points as a condition for
5 synchronization between the wireless station adapter and the wireless access points.

19. The system of claim 18, wherein the rental station further comprises a database tracking wireless station adapter use and assignment of bandwidth of to the wireless station adapter and the portable computer.

20. The system of claim 18, wherein,
the network access script includes a time-limit code written for limiting an amount of time the wireless station adapter maintains an Extended Service Set ID
5 assignment, after which time the time-limit code removes the assigned Extended Service Set ID from the wireless station adapter, and

the network access script accesses registry keys in the portable computer for determining existing protocol
10 stack components on the portable computer and binding TCP/IP to the wireless station adapter, configuring the portable computer for network and Internet access free from interaction with an operating system wizard and an operating system reboot.